

To the President, Mysore District Committee, Mysore Exhibition.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that as requested by you I held Mass Meetings in four places of the Yedatore Taluk, to explain the objects of the Exhibition and to invite influential merchants, ryots and artisans to contribute exhibits. I have no doubt that the more intelligent classes realize the advantages of the Exhibition both to themselves individually and to the General Public, but many of the ryots of out of the way villages have been exceedingly shy and backward. The reluctance to come forward has been much more worked with reference to cattle and live stock than as regards other exhibits. Much has been done by persuasion in personal conversation and general encouragement in various ways. It is very unfortunate that the rains have been persistently holding off. The havoc done by cattle disease last year has been very great. Saligrama was the best known place for draught cattle, but the finest pairs having succumbed to disease, only the second rate animals are available for Exhibition. Some minor difficulties have been brought to notice with regard to each class. Bulls for breeding (Class 1, 2, 3) are always left entirely free and wild to keep them in their best condition putting on the nose string and taming them will occasion a loss of condition which will materially tell against them. Milch cattle will suffer very much by the long journey. All cattle on the north side of the Cauvery have to swim across. Taking calves across the river is expensive and troublesome. As regards several kinds of grain only what remains of last year's crop has to be exhibited, which will be no adequate representation of the best produce. The season is likewise too early for tamarind which cannot therefore be of the best description. Raw tobacco cannot be exhibited.

In conclusion, I have to state that the contribution from this Taluk will consist mainly of grain (chiefly paddy) and draught cattle. I enclose an abstract of the Proceedings of each meeting. The statement of exhibits will be submitted by the Amildar before the 25th instant. I would request attention to some of the suggestions which are very good. Nothing would be more useful and necessary than a cattle and bandy stand fully protected and kept in sanitary condition, for visitors who will be very numerous.

Proceedings of Meetings.

Place.	..	Date.	..	Hoblis represented.
Yedatore.	..	16	..	Kasaba.

Present.

C. Raghavacharlu, President.

1. Mr. Tirumalachar, Amildar, and forty-six others.

The President explained in detail the objects of the exhibition and its advantages to merchants, agriculturists, vendors and purchasers, cattle breeders, artisans, &c., and proceeded to read out the Prize list. Intending exhibitors registered the description of their exhibits and a detailed statement was drawn up. The following suggestions were made:—

1. That prizes be given for asses.
2. That additional prizes be given for cardage, as cocoanut rope is a very useful article and deserves a prize for itself.
3. That additional prizes for matting of sorts, such as the useful and the ornamental, be given.

The Meeting closed with the reading of the Regulations of the exhibition and the general exhortation to the exhibitors to bring out their best and to sustain the reputation of the Taluk to which they belonged.

Proceedings of Meetings.

Place.	..	Date.	..	Hoblis represented.
Chunchunkatte.	..	18.

Present.

C. Raghavacharlu, President.

1. Mr. Tirumalachar, Amildar, and thirty-eight others.

The Prize list and the rules of the Exhibition were read out and a statement of exhibits was drawn up.

The following suggestions were made:—

1. That a bandy and cattle stand be provided separately for visitors in addition to the accommodation within the precincts of the exhibition enclosures which will be provided for exhibits and exhibitors only.
2. That octroi duty be excused on articles sent for exhibition.

Proceedings of Meetings.

Place.	..	Date.	..	Hoblis represented.
Saligram.	..	19th and 20th.	..	

Present.

C. Raghavacharlu, President.

1. Mr. Tirumalachar, Amildar, and forty-two others.

The prize lists were read out, special attention being drawn to the reputation of Saligram and Mule for paddy and draught cattle. A statement of exhibits was drawn up.

The following suggestion was made:—

That free passage across the Cauvery be provided for all exhibits, especially to cattle and live-stock, the ferrymen being remunerated at a lump sum by the Exhibition Committee.

Many of the exhibitors demanded this as almost a condition of their bringing exhibits.

Proceedings of Meetings.

Place.	..	Date.	..	Hoblis represented.
Bheriya.	..	21st	..	

Present.

C. Raghavacharlu, President.

1. Mr. Tirumalachar, Amildar, and twenty-six others.

The prize lists were repeatedly read out and much persuasion, entreaty, encouragement and other means were found necessary to induce any exhibitors coming forward. This was the worst meeting in the Taluk. The statement of exhibits includes a small collection of cattle, grains, fibres, &c. Free passage across the river was demanded and insisted upon here also.

T. ANANDA RAO,
Deputy Commissioner

SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

The 6th September 1888.

Proceedings of the Shimoga District Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Sub-Committee.

Present.

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| 1. V. P. Madhava Rao, Esq., President. | 5. P. Sitaramaiya, Esq., Amildar. |
| 2. B. Tirumalachar, Esq., Asstt. Commr. | 6. T. Venkatappa, Esq. |
| 3. A. S. Nagavkar, Esq., Executive Engineer. | 7. K. Vedantaiengar, Esq., Pensioned Amildar. |
| 4. E. P. Lavery, Esq., Asstt. Conservator. | 8. K. Shamaingar, Esq., Honorary Secretary. |

Absent.

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| 1. K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq., Asstt. Commr. | 3. A. Sitaramappa, Esq., and all the Mofussil Non-Official Members. |
| 2. K. Nagesha Rao, Esq., Asstt. Commr. | |

1. Read Honorary Secretary's Report on the progress made in the collection of exhibits.
2. Resolved that all the Taluk exhibits be collected at Shimoga by the 20th September 1888.
3. Resolved that after due inspection of all the exhibits collected at Shimoga by the District Committee, they be sorted, packed and forwarded to Mysore by the 27th September or so.
4. Resolved that each Taluk Committee be requested to depute one of its Members to Shimoga with the exhibits by the 20th September and other Members including the Representative Members be invited to accompany the exhibits to Mysore on or about the 27th September 1888.
5. Resolved that the following Programme of journey be adopted for the transmission of exhibits from Shimoga:—

September 1888.

28th Benkipur.		29th Tarikere.		30th Kadur.
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October 1888.

1st Banavar.	5th Attikuppa.
2nd Arsikere.	6th Seringapatam.
3rd Gandasi.	7th Mysore.
4th Channarayapatna.	

6. Resolved that the several Amildars on the road from Shimoga to Mysore be requested to make proper arrangements for the accommodation of exhibitors, exhibits and live-stock and for provisions and fodder on the road.

7. That a select Sub-Committee be appointed to receive all exhibits from taluks to arrange and forward them to Mysore in due time.

8. Resolved that a copy of the above Resolutions be submitted to the President, Central Committee, Bangalore, with a request that proper arrangements may be made at Mysore for the accommodation of live-stock and of exhibitors.

V. P. MADHAVA RAO,
President.